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Yamazaki et al.

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For: Heat Treatment Apparatus And
Heat Treatment Method

Examiner: B. Chen

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RESPONSE D (AFTER FINAL)

Sir:

Applicants have the following response to the Final Rejection of March 29, 2005.

As Applicants are not amending the claims but instead showing herein why the rejections of the claims are incorrect, it is respectfully requested that this response be entered and considered by the Examiner, and the application allowed.

Applicants appreciate the allowance of Claims 58-73, 77-80, 84-87. Applicants will now address each of the Examiner's remaining rejections in the order in which they appear in the Final Rejection.